

Most Flourishing Season Sports Have Ever Experienced Will Come to Close This Week

Americans Maintain Athletic Supremacy in International Competition During Past Year

U. S. Sport Kings Successful Against Foreigners in Tennis, Golf, Polo, Boxing and on Track; Dempsey-Carpentier Fight Greatest Spectacle of All Time

By W. J. Macbeth

Interest in sports and recreations of all sorts developed, no doubt, in the reaction from the World War, reached the boiling point of fervor in the year that is fast drawing to a close. During 1921 the high-water mark was reached in practically every branch of popular athletic endeavor, amateur and professional.

Though not an Olympic year, so far as America was concerned the season was one which provided a wealth of international competition. In this the Star-Spangled Banner was in no manner subjugated or furred. Early in the season our splendid tennis players journeyed to the far-off antipodes and reclaimed the Davis Cup, emblematic of the world's championship at the net game. These honors later were successfully defended at Forest Hills against the best of twelve nations.

Even more sensational, because it was not so confidently expected the issue would prove so flattering to American prowess, was the victory in June of Devereux Milburn's great polo four. Mr. Milburn and his doughty comrades wrested from England the coveted Polo Cup and with such ridiculous ease as to prove our polo quite equal, if not superior, to the supposedly invincible British brand, whatever credit they insist upon giving our ponies for the achievement.

"Pro" Golfers Avenged Amateurs

It is true our amateur golfers who invaded the British Isles in great numbers last spring met a sad fate at the hands of their cousins across the sea. But in turn our professionals, led by Jock Hutchison, took fitting revenge and walked off with the open championship of Great Britain. Later in America our golfers in turn successfully withstood the combined onslaught of Britain's best amateurs and professionals, though it must be conceded that Miss Alexa Stirling, our woman champion, was no match for Miss Cecil Leitch, undoubtedly by far the most wonderful woman golfer of all time.

But if Miss Stirling and others of our fair sex failed after giving of their best with wood and iron, not so Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory, the wizard of the racket, who disposed of Miss Suzanne Lenglen, of France, considered as absolutely invincible before she defaulted at Forest Hills. This default, by the way, was the most pathetic incident of a crowded season of international sports.

The Jack Dempsey-Georges Carpentier fight on July 2 at Boyle's Thirty Acres was not only the high light of the international competition, but without doubt the grandest individual sporting spectacle of all time. And the championship, needless to say, remained in America.

The greatest surprise not only of the year, but of a decade, was the defeat of Willie Hoppe, for fifteen years king of the balk-line billiard game, by "Young Jake" Schaefer, of Chicago. Hoppe had come to be regarded as invincible. His overthrow has precipitated a mad rush back to this particular cue sport, which for many years had been threatened with dry rot.

Uncle Sam's marine flag was dampened a bit by our brother Canucks in the only international yachting event of consequence, when the Blue-nose took the measure of the Elsie. International athletics was confined to the visit of the Oxford-Cambridge athletic team, which was badly beaten by the combined Harvard-Yale forces, the French relay team, which was as soundly trounced at the Pennsylvania relays.

Baseball Enjoyed Successful Year

While this country's athletic sons and daughters were maintaining the athletic supremacy of the United States in international competition abroad and at home, the campfires were blazing brightly in every other quarter. Financially baseball at least tied, if it did not exceed, the flood-tide of 1920 success. Locally, nothing could be desired, as the Giants and Yankees met in the world's series, and Ruth made a new home-run record.

The fight game was never better, and the pugilists waxed rich hereabouts. Rickard realized the wildest dream of promotion in the "gate" for the Dempsey-Carpentier battle. Attendances at Madison Square Garden and elsewhere throughout the city and state have improved greatly with the return to decisions.

The end of the season finds college athletics in the healthiest condition. It was a wonderful season in all branches of intercollegiate endeavor, but particularly so in rowing and football.

As to the American turf, success was assured from the earliest meeting in Maryland. The breeding industry has supplied that wealth of thoroughbreds which spells class in competition. And Ben Block's fine two-year-old colt Morvich, unbeaten in his first campaign, may go on to such three-year-old greatness as did Man o' War in 1920.

The outlook for sport next year! Well, no season ever opened with greater prospects than 1922 should. The game, in the broadest sense, was never more popular. Nothing short of a financial catastrophe is likely to disturb patronage; nothing short of the betrayal of public confidence can shake public interest.

As to the sports of the year now ebbing, elsewhere will be found reviews for the season written by experts who have closely followed their unrolling.

Robins Drydock Monopolizes Soccer Honors of the Year

Wins Cups of Both the United States and American Football Association

Followers of soccer football had a banner year in every respect and, mainly through the larger attendances at the big games, were able to show a steady increase in interest in their favorite sport all along the line. Of outstanding importance was the formation of a new and powerful combination of clubs known as the American Soccer League, consisting originally of eight clubs representing New York, Brooklyn, Harrison, Philadelphia, Jersey City, Fall River, Holyoke and Pawtucket.

It was called into being for the purpose of playing professional soccer and to take advantage of the popular interest which was translated into coin of the realm at the gates. It was felt that the time had come when double headers, for Saturday and Sunday, would fill a long-felt want for those who demanded the best soccer the country could furnish at fair prices.

This is the trial season for the new venture, which so far has earned our most satisfactory, but it is felt that even a better future is in store for it as the public has been educated to expect games of the highest class as a regular diet throughout the fall, winter and spring.

Bethlehem Gives Promise The famous Bethlehem soccer machine, now playing as the Philadelphia Football Club, is at present showing its heels to the field in the American Soccer League and gives promise of finishing at the top of the list when the series is brought to a close.

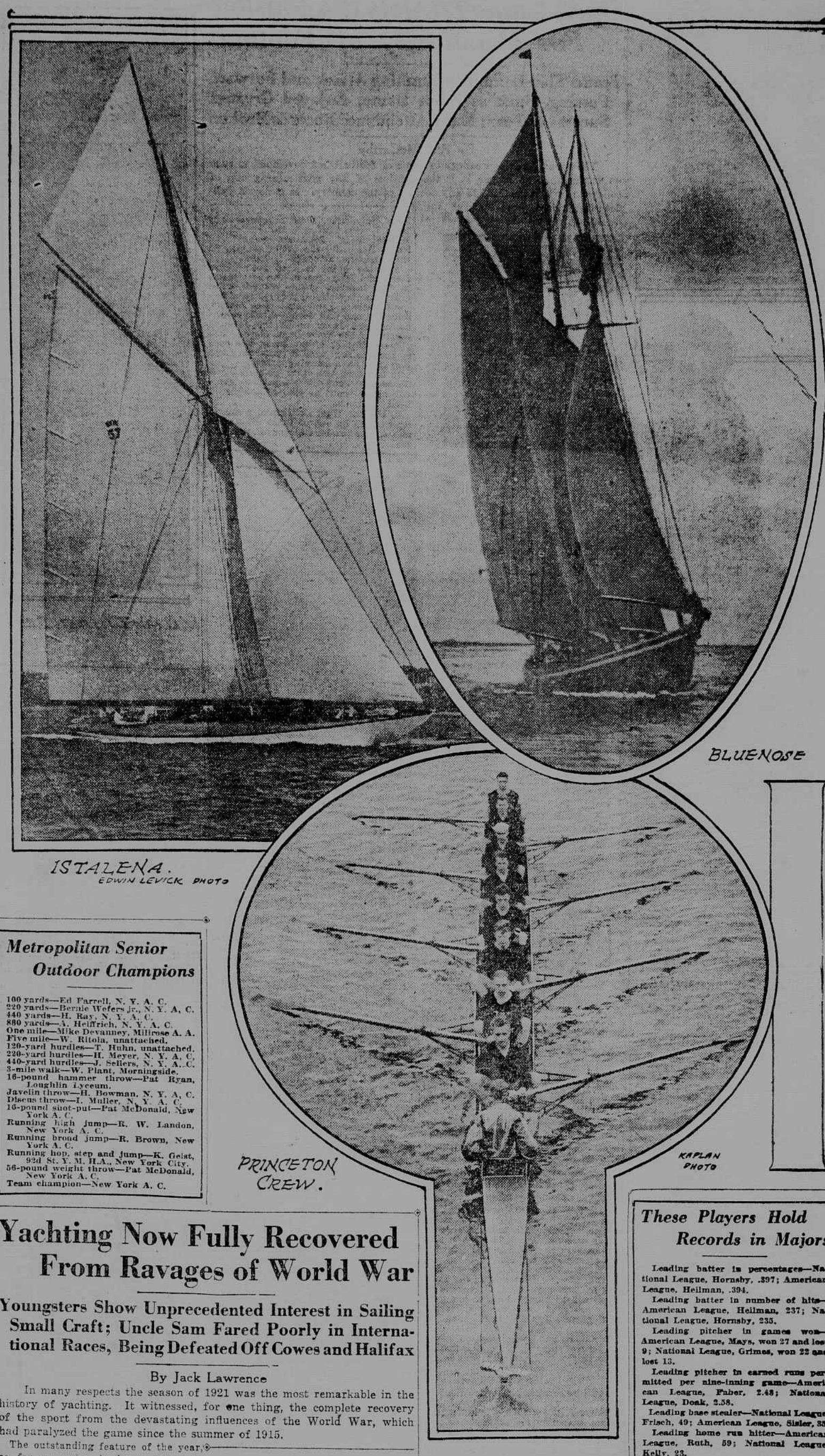
Winners of P. S. A. L. 1921 Championships

Athletics (indoor)—Manual Training. Athletics (outdoor)—Stuyvesant and Clinton. Cross-country—Manual Training. Football—De Witt Clinton. Basketball—Washington H. S. Basketball—High School of Commerce. Soccer—Morris High. Swimming (dual series)—Townsend. Swimming (championship)—Townsend. Rifle—Jamaica High School. Chess—Boys' High.

This year, which gave way to the United States Football Association when the latter came into existence in 1914. For the first time, this season, the famous "A. F. A." cup competition failed to be carried, chiefly because of the paucity of dates, due to the important fixtures made by the new American Soccer League, which had taken into its fold most of the strong eleven teams that once were the backbone of the A. F. A. cup ties.

Whether the association will again take the field is a problem for the future to decide. The same applies, perhaps in a less measure, to the old National Football League, which, to be sure, started off again this season, but for the present has suspended its schedule until after the new year.

Robins Drydock soccer practically monopolized the honors of the year by winning both the cups of the United States Football Association and the American Football Association. In the former the Brooklyn team defeated the Seaside Steel F. C. of St. Louis, in the final round at Fall River by the score of 4 goals to 2. It was the Robins Drydock Club that opposed the Robins in the American F. A. A. at Harrison, N. J., and in this match the national champions were successful by 5 to 1.



Metropolitan Senior Outdoor Champions

100 yards—Ed Farrell, N. Y. A. C. 220 yards—Bernie Webers Jr., N. Y. A. C. 440 yards—H. Ray, N. Y. A. C. 880 yards—J. Heilrich, N. Y. A. C. One-mile—Mike Devanney, Millrose A. A. Five-mile—W. Rilla, unattached. 12½-mile—L. Hahn, unattached. 20-mile—H. Meyer, N. Y. A. C. 40-mile—J. Heilrich, N. Y. A. C. 50-mile—W. Plant, Morningstar. 16-pound hammer throw—Pat Ryan, Longhills Lyceum. Javelin throw—H. Bowman, N. Y. A. C. Shot—J. Muller, N. Y. A. C. 16-pound shot-put—Pat McDonald, New York A. C. Running high jump—R. W. London, New York A. C. Running broad jump—R. Brown, New York A. C. Running hop, step and jump—K. Geist, 252 St. Y. M. H. A., New York City. 56-pound weight throw—Pat McDonald, New York A. C. Team champion—New York A. C.

Yachting Now Fully Recovered From Ravages of World War

Youngsters Show Unprecedented Interest in Sailing Small Craft; Uncle Sam Fared Poorly in International Races, Being Defeated Off Cowes and Halifax

By Jack Lawrence

In many respects the season of 1921 was the most remarkable in the history of yachting. It witnessed, for one thing, the complete recovery of the sport from the devastating influences of the World War, which had paralyzed the game since the summer of 1915.

The outstanding feature of the year, so far as racing in home waters is concerned, was the unprecedented number of small boats, skippered by youngsters, that took part in open competition throughout the summer. Veteran yachtsmen and their vessels of imposing measurements were pushed into the background by boys and girls at the tillers of tiny craft, and the wonderfully able performances of many of these embryo Corinthians indicated plainly that the future of the sport in this country is safe.

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Grebe Made Best Showing The contests took place off Cowes during the first week in August and resulted in a decisive defeat for the United States. The little Grebe, designed by William Gardner, made the best showing for the challengers, but was unable to score a sufficient number of points to overhaul the British. The heavy going in the Solent, where the water was unusually rough and choppy, is said to have played havoc with the American boats, which were of much lighter construction than the defenders.

Defeated as we were in these six-meter contests, the regatta developed much fine sport and resulted in the arranging of another Anglo-American sailing duel for the same class, which will take place in Long Island Sound next summer, four British boats being sent over, for the purpose of participating in the annual regatta.

Interest centered in the weekly competition of the New York Yacht Club fifty-footers, six of these sloops taking part in the long campaign. George M. Pynchon's Ista Elena, sailed by her owner in nineteen races, won the championship by a comfortable margin, with L. G. Hamersley's Acushla in second place and Spartan, owned by H. B. Plant, of New London, finishing the season third in the total number of points scored.

Great Record for Ista Elena The other fifty-footers in competition were Commodore J. P. Morgan's Grayling, Rear Commodore George S. Nichols's Carolina, and Virginia, the property of L. F. Crofoot. The regular championship season for this class opened on May 30 with the regatta of the Harlem Yacht Club and closed with the annual fall meet of the Indian Harbor Yacht Club at Greenwich on September 10.

In her nineteen races Mr. Pynchon's Ista Elena ran up a percentage of 764, while that of her nearest competitor, L. G. Hamersley's Acushla, was 559 in the same number of contests. Spartan, sailing in eighteen races, had a percentage for the season of 583, according to the corrected schedule made public a few days ago by the New York Yacht Club. Of the nineteen races she sailed, which were all that were scheduled, Ista Elena finished sixteen. She was the winner in six of these, finished second in a like number, was third in one contest, fourth in two and fifth in one. In addition to winning the season's championship, Ista Elena captured the Larchmont Race Week trophy offered by the Larchmont Yacht Club for fifty-footers and also the one put up by Rear Commodore George S. Nichols, of the New York Yacht Club. Another trophy offered for this class by George M. Pynchon was taken by Carolina, the property of Commodore Nichols.

Although the New York Yacht Club forty-footers made a somewhat indifferent showing last summer, due to the fact that many boats in this class were not in commission and others were at

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Champions of Year 1921 In the Sporting World

BASEBALL
World's champions—New York Giants, National League.
American League—New York Yankees, Manager, Miller Huggins.
National League—New York Giants, Manager, John McGraw.
BOXING
World's Professional Champions
Heavyweight—Jack Dempsey, Manassas, Calif.
Light Heavyweight—Georges Carpentier, France.
Middleweight—Johnny Wilson, New York.
Welterweight—Jack Britton, New York.
Lightweight—Benny Leonard, New York.
Junior Lightweight—Johnny Dundee, New York.
Featherweight—Johnny Kilbane, Cleveland.
Bantamweight—Johnny Buff, Jersey City.
Flyweight—Jimmy Wilde, England.
National Amateur Champions
106-Pound Class—John Hamm, Pittsburgh.
115-Pound Class—George Daly, New York.
125-Pound Class—Dan Gatten, Philadelphia.
135-Pound Class—Ben Ponteau, New York.
145-Pound Class—Charles Hendikson, Los Angeles A. C.
155-Pound Class—Sam Lagonia, New York.
165-Pound Class—Maurice Larsen, New York.
Heavyweight Class—Gordon Mince, New York.
FOOTBALL
Leading Eastern team—Penn State, Cornell, Wash. and Jeff, Lafayette.
Western conference champions—Lowa.
Leading team in Middle West—John, Notre Dame.
Leading Southern team—Georgia Tech.
Pacific Coast champions—University of California.
RACING
Biggest money winner of year—Morvich, owned by Ben Block, \$65,284.
Champion two-year-old colt—Morvich.
Champion two-year-old filly—Miss Joy.
GOLF
American open champion—James Barnes, Pelham Country Club.
National amateur champion—Jesse Guilford, Boston.
National women's champion—Miss Mary Hays, Westbrook, L. I.
National professional champion—Walter Hagen, New York.
Intercollegiate champion—Simpson Dean, Princeton.
Intercollegiate team champion—Dartmouth.
SQUASH TENNIS
National senior champion—Ellmore Van S. Hyde, Harvard Club.
National junior champion—Thomas G. Covey, Yale Club.
World's professional champion—Walter Kinsella, New York.
COURT TENNIS
Open champion—Jay Gould, Columbia Club.
Professional champion—Jack Sorensen, Philadelphia.
TENNIS
Men
National singles—William T. Tilden 2d, Philadelphia.
National clay court—Walter T. Hayes, Chicago.
National indoor—Frank T. Anderson, Brooklyn.
National intercollegiate—Phil Neer, California.
National doubles—W. T. Tilden 2d and Vincent Richards, Philadelphia and New York.
Junior
National junior—Vincent Richards, New York City.
National indoor—Vincent Richards, New York City.
Women
National singles—Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory, New York City.
National clay court—Mrs. Benjamin Hale, Boston.
National indoor—Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory, New York City.
National doubles—Mrs. Thomas J. Bundy and Miss Mary K. Browne, California.
Junior
National singles—Miss Helen Wills, Berkeley, Calif.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS
100-yard dash—Charles Paddock, Los Angeles A. C.
220-yard dash—Charles Paddock, Los Angeles A. C.
440-yard dash—V. E. Stevenson, New York A. C.
880-yard run—Allan Heilrich, New York A. C.
One-mile run—Jole W. Ray, Illinois A. C.
Five-mile run—R. E. Johnson, Edgar Thomson Steel A. A.
Three-mile walk—William Plant, Morningstar A. C.
120-yard high hurdles—Earl Thomson, Boston A. A.
440-yard low hurdles—August Desch, New York University.
Broad jump—E. O. Gourdin, Harvard University.
High jump—D. Y. Albert, Chicago A. C.
Hop, step and jump—Kaufman Geist, Ninety-second Street Y. M. H. A.
Pole vault—Ed Anussek, Illinois A. C.
Furling sixteen-pound shot—Larence Hanser, Los Angeles A. C.
Throwing sixteen-pound hammer—Pat Ryan, Longhills Lyceum, Brooklyn.
Throwing discus—G. Pope, Miltonomah, Portland.
Throwing javelin—Milton Angier, unattached.
Throwing fifty-six-pound weight—Pat McDonald, New York A. C.
440-yard relay—New York A. C. (Webers, Loveloy, Ray, Farrell).
880-yard relay—New York A. C. (Webers, Loveloy, Ray, Farrell).
One-mile relay—New York A. C. (Webers, Adams, Ray, Stevenson).
Two-mile relay—New York A. C. (Webers, Adams, Ray, Stevenson).
Four-mile relay—New York A. C. (Webers, Adams, Ray, Stevenson).
All-around champion—S. Harrison Thomson, Steel A. A.
Ten-mile run—R. F. Johnson, Edgar Thomson Steel A. A.
Seven-mile walk—William Plant, Morningstar A. C.
Decathlon—Dan Shea, Pastime A. C.
Pentathlon—E. O. Gourdin, Harvard University.
Two-mile steeplechase—Mike Devanney, Millrose A. A.
Team champions—Los Angeles Athletic Club.
Intercollegiate
Track and field—University of California.
Individual cross-country—E. E. Brown, Cornell.
Team cross-country champions—Cornell University.
SWIMMING
Men
50 yards—John Weismuller, Illinois A. C.
100 yards—Pua Keoloha, Hui Makani, Honolulu.
220 yards—John Weismuller, Illinois A. C.
440 yards—Ludy Langer, Hui Nalu Club, Honolulu.
880 yards—Ludy Langer, Hui Nalu Club, Honolulu.
Long distance—W. W. Hall Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y. A. C.
200-yard breast stroke—M. J. McDermott, Illinois A. C.
440-yard breast stroke—R. D. Skelton, Illinois A. C.
550-yard back stroke—Arren Keoloha, Hui Makani, Honolulu.
Five dive—A. W. Harting, Illinois A. C.
High diving—Clarence Pinkston, Olympic Club.
Women
50 yards—Ethelda Bleibrey, Women's Swimming Association.
100 yards—Ethelda Bleibrey, Women's Swimming Association.
220 yards—Ethelda Bleibrey, Women's Swimming Association.
440 yards—Ethelda Bleibrey, Women's Swimming Association.
880 yards—Ethelda Bleibrey, Women's Swimming Association.
One mile—Ethelda Bleibrey, Women's Swimming Association.
Long distance—Ethelda Bleibrey, Women's Swimming Association.
100-yard relay—S. A. Bleibrey, Boyle, Wainwright, Bignall.
Five diving—Helen Meany, Women's Swimming Association.
High diving—Helen Meany, Women's Swimming Association.
BILLIARDS
Professional
World's billiard champion—Jake Schaefer, Chicago.
Pocket billiard champion—Ralph Greenleaf, New York.
Three-cushion champion—John Layton, Sedalia, Mo.
Amateur
Pocket billiard champion—J. Howard Shoemaker, N. Y. A. C.
Three-cushion champion—Fred Davies, New York.
13.2 ballkine champion (Class A)—Charles Heddon, Dowagiac, Mich.

ROWING
Intercollegiate Association champions—Annapolis.
Champion college crew—Princeton "B" crew.
BASEKTBALL
Intercollegiate League champions—Pennsylvania.
National amateur champions—Kansas City A. C.
ICE SKATING
International champion—Joe Moore, 181st Street Ice Palace.
National champion—Charles Jewtraw, Lake Elsie Ice Palace.
Women's international champion—Miss Gladys Robinson, Toronto.
Women's national champion—Elmer G. Smith, 181st Street Ice Palace.
TRAPSHOOTING
Amateur singles—Nile Arle, Kingman, Ariz.
Amateur doubles—K. A. King, Delta, Colo.
Amateur, 100 yards—Nile Arle, Kingman, Ariz.
Amateur, women's—Mrs. Toots Randall, New York.
Amateur, junior—Elmer Herrold, Ash Grove, Ill.
Professional, singles—Art Killion, St. Louis.
Professional, doubles—Mark Arle, Champaign, Ill.
Professional, 18 yards—Fred S. Tomlin, Glassboro, N. J.
FENCING
National foil champion—Major F. W. Honeycutt, W. F. C.
National epee champion—C. R. McPherson, N. Y. A. C.
National saber champion—C. R. McPherson, N. Y. A. C.
National three-weapon champion—Leo Nunes, N. Y. A. C.
YACHTS
Champion 50-footer—Ista Elena, owned and piloted by George M. Pynchon.
FISHING SCHOONERS
Champion—Blue-nose, Captain Angus Walters.

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Zbyszko Features Pell Again Leads Campaign on Mat Racquet Players By Winning Title For Third Season

Veteran Polish Wrestler, at Age of 46, Took Championship from Lewis

When Stanislaus Zbyszko, of Poland, defeated Ed ("Strangler") Lewis in this city in the early part of 1921 he did a more notable thing than the winning of the heavyweight catch-as-catch-can wrestling championship of the world. At the age of forty-six the great Pole, returning to this country from the rigors of life in war-devastated Poland, started a long course of training, with the avowed determination of challenging for the world's championship.

Zbyszko's chances were considered small against the youthful and powerful Lewis, who had defeated Joe Stecher, Earl Caddock and every other contender for the title. Champion and challenger met at the 22d Regiment Armory, on Washington Heights, and Zbyszko won in surprisingly easy fashion.

There were those who were not yet convinced that the best man had won, but in a return match in the few months later, the "Mighty Son of Poland" pinned Lewis's massive shoulders to the mat again, thereby proving himself the greatest matman of the age. And this at an age when most athletes are in their dotage!

College Polo Has Big Year Intercollegiate indoor polo received a big boom during the year as the result of an intercollegiate tournament at Squadron A Armory, Ninety-fourth Street and Park Avenue. The West Point Military Academy four won the title early in the year, defeating the Yale team 9½ goals to 8.

Tuxedo Park Star Defended Title Against Mortimer in Match Last February

For the third successive time Clarence C. Pell, of Tuxedo Park, heads the national list of players of racquets. Pell successfully defended his title last February when he defeated S. G. Freelinghaysen, a local player, in the second round of the annual tournament. Pell will defend his title next month in the annual tournament and has an excellent chance to retain the crown.

Competition of an intercity nature has done much to build up this game here. Philadelphia players have made several trips meeting local teams, and it is believed that within a short time additional courts will be installed hereabouts.

Among the invaders who attempted to lift Pell's title were A. S. Cassils, of Toronto, the former Canadian champion. Cassils won his first match by default, but when he met Frederick Freelinghaysen, a local player, in the second round the visitor was eliminated. Pell will defend his title next month in the annual tournament and has an excellent chance to retain the crown.

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